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The Alpha Phi Literary Society

FRIDAY evening, December fifth, a very interesting program was rendered by the Senior class of Teachers' College at the Alpha Phi. The program was devoted largely to the playing of a drama entitled a "Perplexing Situation." The play shows the ability of the fair sex to deny themselves temporarily of their most coveted right, the freedom of speech, if by so doing they can relieve themselves of stringent circumstances.

Mrs. Middleton, the wife, Jessie and Sue, the daughters, and Lucy, the ward, have been invited to attend a wedding, but find that their wardrobe is inadequate. The first scene presents them discussing this situation, when stingy Mr. Middleton and son Tom enter discussing business. The men are disturbed in their conversation by the characteristic prattle of the women. Thinking he cannot lose, Mr. Middleton offers his wife and the younger women \$75 each to keep silent until six o'clock. The women agree, and a new kind of perplexing situation presents itself. Jessie's lover, Mr. Wilson, calls but soon leaves because of Jessie's mute attitude. Mary and Fritz, the servants, cannot understand. Maud, a friend of Jessie and Sue, makes a call but finds the house quiet and apparently vacant. Undesirable Mrs. Noise calls, at the same time but Maud cunningly gets rid of her by suggesting that the queer attitude of the Middletons may be due to a case of smallpox in the house. This expression causes a rumor to spread, and brings about an investigation by the health officer, Dr. Reynolds. Quaint "Uncle Epps", from down home, visits at this time, but the situation remains the same until the clock strikes six.

Miss Davies, Miss Sewell, Miss

Blackwell, and Miss Anderson played well the role of Mrs. Middleton and the girls. Mr. Brown and Mr. Terry acted perfectly the part of "Mr. Middleton" and "Tom", and Mr. Tibbs was good as Jessie's lover. Miss Oberdorfer, and Mr. Wells did credit to themselves as "Mary" and "Fritz", and Mr. Massie was brilliant as "Uncle Epps". Miss Chase and Miss Cuff were well received as "Maud" and "Mrs. Noise", while Mr. Taylor was the real "Dr. Reynolds". Mr. Spann directed the play.

Mr. Jacob Jones, and Miss Olive Wells furnished the musical part of the program. Mr. Jones' first solo was sung with such a high degree of naturalness and effectiveness that he was called upon for a second, which was rendered equally as well. The duet by the two got the same reception. The last, a solo from Miss Wells, pleased the audience very much indeed.

The evening did credit to the Senior class of the Teachers' College, and it is hoped that other classes will give the Alpha Phi the benefit of some of their talent.

ALPHA PHI REPORTER

With The Academy Team

The Academy, presenting the best class of football material seen on Howard campus, since 1908, can boast once more of a championship team. It was surprising to note how rapidly Coach Gilmore whipped his boys into line and made possible the seemingly impossible, for at the beginning of the season it was doubtful if the Howard Academy team could hold its own against its many rivals. They have met on the gridiron and have taken a victory from every game.

The two games of the Academy on the campus were both great battles. The clash with Armstrong, on the 12th ult., was one of the free games to the students

but it was an advertisement of the efficiency and strength of the prep squad. The game was 12 to 0 in favor of the Academy, and was featured by completed forward passes and powerful line drives, executed with that degree of perfection which might only have been expected of more experienced elevens. The game with M St. High School, on the 18th ult., was not a free game, but Coach Gilmore's men had made such a favorable impression, in their contest with the Armstrong school, that the student body came in large numbers to witness the second game. It was the better of the two. The score was higher, 15 to 0, favoring the Academy team. The men were in much better form, and the head work of players like Carter, Avery, Worde, Stratton, Pannell, and Wimbish showed to a greater advantage.

The affair with Storer College brought the greatest victory, even though the preps were playing upon a strange gridiron. Storer had a strong team yet our boys made three touchdowns. They were weak, however, in one place and that was in kicking goal. It was Storer's great field goal that featured the game.

The season revealed the material which in years to come may form the nucleus of our Varsity all-star eleven. The Academy, like the college, feels keenly the need of a gymnasium, to serve as an incentive for greater athletic activities.

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Happy New Year.

The Business Side of Athletics

The Athletic Council, on finding itself in debt to the extent of \$963.65 at the beginning of last school year, awoke to the fact that new business measures must immediately be taken if it was to maintain its own self-respect and justify its existence in the eyes of the University community. This heavy obligation had been incurred in spite of (1) athletic fees amounting yearly to about \$1100, (2) income from fairly well attended games, (3) bazaars given at intervals by the Athletic Association, and (4) contributions solicited from members of the Faculty. It became evident that both expenditures and income needed careful, disinterested supervision. Two committees were organized; a committee of expenditures of which Mr. W.L. Smith '02 was made chairman, and a committee on games and income, presided over by the writer. At the end of the school year the debt had been reduced to \$21.99, the income from games had been raised from \$1081.09 in 1911-12 to

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\$2331.36 in 1912-13, while expenses remained nearly stationary. The Council is now out of debt and has a good balance on the right side of the ledger. The purpose of this sketch, however, is not to emphasize what has been done, but to set forth before students and friends some of the problems and burdens of Athletic Administration.

The athletic fee of one dollar paid by each student amounted not to \$1453, but to about \$1200. The catalogue shows more students than are in actual residence at any time, for the catalogue year runs from March to March and the school year from September to June. Most students expect one dollar when paid for athletics to go farther than a dollar has ever gone or will ever go in any other direction. In return for this dollar demands are made for four twenty-five cent games; besides, all branches of athletics must be maintained at high level, including football, basketball, baseball, track and field sports, tennis and cricket. Of these sports only the first two are ever self-supporting, and they some times involve so much expense as to leave a deficit. This year football was not self-supporting. Then if the dollar is not already appropriated, further demands arises for a training table maintained at the expense of the Council, and costing this fall \$317.90. All these demands the Council is glad to meet and will continue to supply as long as funds permit; but at some time in the future we are sure to have an unsuccessful season, and unless someone has sufficient foresight to provide against an emergency, the bottom will drop out of things.

Another problem caused by the payment of an athletic fee is the unwillingness of students to render any service gratis. They are willing to work for the musical, literary and other activities of the University without charge,

and in addition cheerfully buy tickets for public functions. Not so for the athletic interests. All expect payment in money or free admission for themselves and friends in return for service, and sometimes for service that is trifling. And one of the greatest burdens bearing down upon the games and income is the ruinous number of complimentary tickets required.

It is easy to overestimate the size of a large crowd. Newspapers are especially likely to commit this error. The recent Thanksgiving Day crowd was estimated anywhere from 2000 to 5000. Our coupon system, however, makes it easy to check up the number, and in this case the checking was done by Lincoln. The total number of spectators, including the 225 who came in on complimentary tickets was 2206.

Let us now look at the expense incident to a football game. We shall take a typical game, Shaw vs. Howard, November 8, 1913.

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The Prospects of the Dramatic Club

The dramatic club under the able guidance of Manager Tavernier continues to make advancement in perfecting the plans for this year's production. The cast under the direction of Mr. Nathaniel Guy is rapidly mastering Richelieu, the play to be presented this year.

Upon visiting the rehearsal of the club last Saturday evening the writer was agreeably surprised to learn that even at this early date books were almost entirely discarded in rehearsing the play. With such enthusiasm and energy do the members of the cast rehearse their respective roles that even in practice one cannot fail to appreciate the spirit, the plot and the masterful depiction of Lord Lytton's great drama.

Mr. Louis Howard, as Richelieu bids fair to eclipse even his own enviable record as an actor; while Miss Hattie Harper in the role of Julia is fast proving herself an amateur actress of exceptional ability and we can safely predict that as the leading lady

she will prove a worthy successor to Miss McCarthy. The role of Baradas, the villain, seems to have been created especially for Mr. E. Crampton with such ease and realism does he portray the character; while Mr. Chas. Lane as the patriotic Chavalier de Mauprat acts the part with the grace and naturalness of the born actor. The part of Joseph, the confidant of Richelieu, promises to be well taken care of by Mr. Conte Cook;

tion of the character. Mr. Herman Moore as Louis The Thirteenth, the aged King of France, portrays the role with dignity and a true touch of realism; while Mr. Walter Hanna as Huguet, the spy, is sure to commend himself to the audience by his superb portrayal of the character. Mr. Horace Wallace as Beringhen gives evidences of talent above the average amateur actor while Mr. Holmes as Governor and Mr. Walter Tibbs as Clermont act their parts in a manner deserving of the highest commendation.

The cast as a whole is indeed a strong one, and promises to present Richelieu in a manner which shall bring credit to themselves and glory to Howard. Richelieu abounds in opportunities for dramatic work of the highest order and none of the cast seems to be lacking in the requisite requirements for taking advantage of such opportunities.

The manager, Mr. A. H. Tavernier, is planning a tour for this season. It is his hope and intention to present "Richelieu" in Baltimore, Philadelphia and Richmond. So far the prospects for such a trip are very encouraging.

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The Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity to Assemble in Convention

The Sixth Annual Convention of the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, the first and largest Negro inter-collegiate Greek letter Fraternity will convene at the seat of the Beta Chapter, Howard University, on December 29, 30, and 31st. This Convention promises to be the largest in the history of the Fraternity. Beside the regular delegates from the sixteen chapters there will be a large number of the alumni and honorary members present.

The Beta Chapter is making arrangements for a number of social events to intersperse the fundamental work of the Convention.

The Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity was established at Cornell and is now in the seventh year of its existence, having established in all sixteen chapters, reaching as far west as Minnesota. Chapters in the leading universities of the country.

There will be a number of addresses before the convention by the honorary and alumni members. An address of welcome on behalf of the Beta Chapter will be delivered by President James W. Parker, and on behalf of the University by Dean L. B. Moore.

The officers of the General Organization are Charles H. Garvin, (Howard) President; Raymond W. Cannon, (Minnesota), Vice President; Henry L. Dickason, (Ohio State), Secretary; William P. Norcum, (Michigan), Treasurer.

Business In Athletics

Howard University has realized that in order to have success commensurate with her winning teams, she must have Business in Athletics. So rapidly has this necessity been met that this is the progressive era of Old Howard. Never before in the history of this institution have conditions been more favorable for successful financial results in Athletics. When before this time has the Athletic Association been out of debt? All of this may be summed up in one phrase Business in Athletics.

The Athletic Association moreover, through its various officials co-operating with the Athletic Council, has put so much real business in athletics, that no longer can be heard the usual cry from every nook and corner of the University, a big deficit in athletics. The most of this marked success secured during the past year 1912-13 is due to the undeniable fact, that nothing else, by managers and representatives was tolerated but business in athletics; so as a logical conclusion there is a revolution in athletics.

A brief review of some of the many important things that were accomplished and are still being done in athletics will reveal the following startling facts: The first successful financial football season within the last several years is now history, for not only was football of 1912 almost self-supporting in its current expenses but it also rewarded the gridiron heroes with their first official recognition in form of the sacred "H". Baseball has done equally as well as football, even though baseball, received only the pitiable sum of forty dollars yet it has

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returned very near the same amount to the Council. Another great thing done by the Council was to make the rule that a publication of the financial results of each branch of sport be made at the end of each sport's respective season. We suggest by the way of digression that a called meeting of the Athletic Association should be held immediately to try to solve some of the difficult problems before us; so that we may have still greater success in athletics. Finally let all sons and daughters of Old Howard rally in spirit of co-operation as they have never rallied before, not only in speech but also in work for the common good of all and make this year the very apex of successful Business in Athletics. "RUBE"

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The Business Side of Athletics

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E. P. DAVIS

Sophomores Meet Freshmen in Mighty Gridiron Contest

Sophomores 7, Freshmen 0.

On the 29th. ult., when the Sophomores battled the Freshmen on the football field, a spirit was manifested much different from that shown when Howard meets Lincoln or Hampton.

The game was to begin at 2:30 but was delayed by the Freshmen. At 3:00 Bagley kicked to Booker on the Freshies' 30 yard line who brought the ball back 12 yards before being downed by Temple. From this point the oval fell into the hands of the Sophs whose offensive play carried them gradually toward the lower class' goal. So early in the game the Freshmen had not discovered which was the most effective method of defense, for while they retreated slowly, they were constantly being driven to their 5 yard line by Matthews, Temple, Waters, Brooks, and Bagley. So near their goal, the first class strengthened. For a while it seemed as if they might hold against the Sophs, but the higher class, inch by inch, pushed themselves over the coveted goal line, and kicked goal, making the score 7—0 in their favor.

Second Period

A punt from the Sophomores to Rector, the Freshman quarterback, was brought back 10 yards from the 25 yard line. Booker wedged through tackle for 6 yards, followed by Schlaughter around end for sensational 15 yards. The Freshman line now began to show its strength. Its constant onslaught drove the

Sophs 18 yards, when they were held by the Sophs on downs. The higher class again used their effective offense. Holland, their quarterback tore through the opposing line for 8 yards, and Morton made appreciable gains. Pulley punted to Schlaughter who fumbled, hardly having time to gain 2 yards before Matthews and Waters, were upon him. Neither side was able to make any more great advances during the quarter.

Third Period

The Freshmen kicked to Young on Sophs 30 yard line, and the ball was brought up 15 yards. Cunningham added 5 by a line drive, and Morton and Pulley advanced 6 and 9 yards but, lost ground on Pulley's fumble. Here the Freshmen were penalized 15 yards. Within the next minute the Sophomores were penalized the same distance. The Sophs, however, recovered their ground by a completed forward pass of 20 yards. They continued this play but gained no more ground and finally lost on a penalty. When the ball went over the Freshmen became aggressive. Bullet gained 5 yards, and Grinnage 2. A possible chance for the under class to score was lost by the condition of the ground which caused Bullet to slip up when attempting one of his spectacular runs. The Freshmen succeeded in holding the Sophomores to their 30 yard line until the close of the quarter.

Fourth Period

Morton and Cunningham distinguished themselves by their line charges which they seemed to make at will, but Bullet, for the Freshmen, starred by recovering all their ground in a spectacular 40 yard end run. In the last three minutes of the quarter the Sophomores became very aggressive and made line drive after line drive, letting Morton and Pulley carry the ball. when they neared the Freshmen goal, both teams were relieved by the blowing of the whistle. Final score Sophomores 7, Freshmen 0.

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On The Sideline

AN oriental sage once said, "Did hind sight come before and foresight after, then would we erring fools become philosophers; but being so, would straightway wish ourselves erring fools again to escape the monotony of perfection." We are all abundantly supplied with hind sight; that is, we can make unerring judgments when supplied with data which, in its very nature, is unavailable for use before the event takes place. Imagine two football teams knowing the result of every act and play before it occurred. It would be about as interesting as the celebrated conflict between the irresistible force and the immovable obstacle. It is the knowledge that the contestants are but imperfect human beings that gives to any contest its interest and its zest.

When, therefore, I attempt to comment upon the Howard-Lincoln game, I do so with full knowledge that it is much easier to play the game on the side line than on the gridiron and that one finds much less difficulty in telling what was wrong after a play

has failed than to suggest one beforehand that will succeed. I realize too, that nothing is so exasperating to a team or to an individual player, after a hard-fought but unsuccessful game, than to have a number of parlor football experts whose knowledge of the game is of the newspaper variety, begin loudly to point out the mistakes and confidently to suggest the remedies. I have been on the receiving end of such interviews and know. It is with a knowledge of these facts that I consent to comment briefly upon the game.

I am thoroughly convinced after watching these two teams play year after year, that no more evenly matched teams, extending through an equal period of years, could be found. What one lacks the other has. Only on one occasion has more than a single touchdown been made, showing conclusively that neither has large odds on the other. It is therefore no disgrace to either team to hold the other to a scoreless tie, as was the case two years ago and is the case this year.

At the last game Lincoln's defense under her own goal post was worthy of Yale; and incidentally the way her forwards worked on Howard's interference was not at all bad. Indeed, that first line of defense was Howard's undoing, for time after time were threatened end runs nipped in the bud. Lincoln's head work, too, not only in this game, but every time she has appeared on Howard's campus, has been flawless with one glaring exception. It is my candid opinion that on every such occasion Howard has had the stronger team and that the scoreless ties of 1911 and 1913 were secured by Lincoln only because she evened up the handicap by superior judgment. For example, she never takes chances in her own territory, almost invariably kicking on the first or at least on the second down; and she usually has one or two good kick-

ers for that important work. Such defensive tactics certainly staved off defeat on these two occasions.

The case of bad judgment referred to was her refusal in the last game to open up her attack sooner, keeping up her sleeve such a choice assortment of forward passes as she uncorked five minutes before the time was up. It may be, of course, that these passes would not have looked so good earlier in the game when Howard was fresh and on the alert; but it certainly seems that a team that can pull off three passes in rapid succession for a total of 40 yards and misses a fourth only because a player slipped on the wet ground, causing him to catch the ball just as it touched the ground, should have had a look-in at the score. And then came the greatest blunder of all. With the ball on Howard's four-yard line for the first down, as a result of the forward passes just mentioned, Lincoln certainly seemed to have lost her head. At that point several line plays

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should have been tried, especially since their opponents were on the run and spread out in anticipation of another forward pass. The fifth successive try at a forward pass at that critical juncture seemed to me the worst play that could be attempted and in my opinion lost a great opportunity for glory. As it was, Howard had a close call, and I believe that Lincoln's negative head work lost that game as surely as her positive head work had saved it for her in earlier stages. Of course I may be all wrong about the whole thing; if so, it is the fault of the side line game coupled with the fallibility of hind sight. Before concluding my comment on Lincoln I must say that it comes to Washington apparently with the one idea of keeping Howard from winning. In my opinion, she has a good enough team to have greater ambitions than that.

The Howard team had two chances to win, but seemed to lack the final punch necessary to put the ball across. Why, I am unable to say. From the side lines it looks like indecision. There seemed to be a good deal

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of talk and consultation as to what should be done. When they threatened the south goal, with the ball on the four yard line, the forward pass ruined everything. It seemed evident from previous trials of this play that Lincoln had been coached to cover Schlaugter and Gilmore. And they did so on every occasion. On the other hand, Howard had brought the ball down the field on running plays, and the machine seemed to be working well. Under such conditions, then, a forward pass with the chances against it seemed bad judgment—at least it seemed so when it failed and the chance to score was lost. Had it been successful, I with all Howard, would have yelled my self hoarse. Such are the vagaries of hind sight.

Anyhow it was a great game, a great game of a great series. There was a thrill in every minute, and the adherents of both sides experienced variations and heart beats from 20 to 200, and in temperature from zero up, the weather notwithstanding. May there be many such games on the hill, may the best team win, and may that best team always be Howard.

Finally, I wish to emphasize the need of a gymnasium for all the good that it can do to the student body in general and for our athletic teams in particular. The matter must not be allowed to rest until some provisions are made, if we hope to compete with the teams of institutions so equipped. I wish it to be known that the funds and subscriptions for the purpose of building a gymnasium amounting to over seven thousand dollars, have been turned over to the University. The Alumni Association felt that under such auspices the matter could be handled more certainly and more expeditiously. Let us all pull, then, for the gymnasium, and keep on pulling until something is done. The scoreless ties

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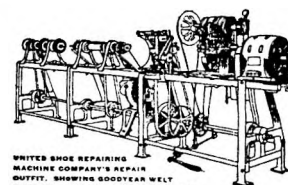
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Centuries of experience has taught that the study of Greek and Latin strengthens the memory of an individual, and quickens his perception, refines his taste and invigorates his reasoning powers. It has been said that these languages are the

surest instruments that can be used in the training of the youth for the active duties of life. Notwithstanding these facts, it is sad to say that the advancement of science, the expansion of commerce, the increase and growth of modern literature have in recent years contributed to the elimination of Greek and Latin by many secondary schools of our country. Yet it can be gladly and truthfully said that all efforts to find real substitutes for these ancient subjects, whether in mathematics, in modern languages or in natural sciences, have thus far been unsuccessful.

Another strong argument in favor of Classical Education is the fact that in many instances, the scientific man finds it absolutely necessary to recognize the value of some classical attainment, to enable him to understand the nomenclature and in some instances to investigate the history and progress of his science. Again, one derives pleasure as well as training and culture in the study of the literature of Greece and Rome—a literature which contains some of the noblest poetry, the finest eloquence, the deepest philosophy and the wisest historical writings. At this point, it may be of some interest to state that the languages in which Homer and Virgil composed their poetry, in which Demosthenes and Cicero gave utterance to their orations and in which Thucydides and Tacitus wrote their histories—were Greek and Latin.

These facts and many others will be discussed from time to time by members and friends of the Classical Club. We earnestly hope and sincerely request that every student of the university, "regardless of department" who is an exponent of Classical Education will visit us and co-operate with us in arousing enthusiasm and in stimulating interest in the immortal ancient languages.

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